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PATENT 409475-27

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BRIAN MARK SHUSTER

Serial No.: 09/837,852

Filed: April 18, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING OWNERSHIP OF VIRTUAL

PROPERTY

Art Unit: 3625

Examiner: Forest Thompson, Jr.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to on November 16, 2004 by the accompanying petition for extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: